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THE SMELTING SITUATION.

THE COMING ANNUAL report of the American Smelting & Refining company, it is said, will be very disappointing," says the Boston News Bureau. "The price of silver is lower than it has been for many years, while the will not cause any great amount of sorrow among Utah miners who have been fleeced to the limit of endurance its organization.

According to local mining men, the low price of silver nor yet the low price of lead. The small earning capacity of the corporation is due to the fact that it will not make terms with more precautions in this regard.

the producers such as will enable them The best way—that is, the e ep the smelters supplied with ore. the mine owners to make any money freight charges.

cause most of the ores that formerly certain expense and possible death, fed it, and which came from the mines are being supplied.

plenty of ore, but they are not willing ter that has been accumulating all to present it to the American Smelting are entitled to a share of the profits, the city. and they are right. The trust is doomed to inevitable collapse unless it revises its present methods. For taken. It is possible for every houseyears it has been paying dividends on keeper to boil a supply of drinking thrice-watered stock, and the time has the burden no longer.

company doesn't want all of its plants oughly. to become idle, it will adopt some method by which the producer will receive for his ores something more than the cost of mining and freights. Otherwise independent smelters will spring up all over the west and the trust will collapse of its own weight, an example for all time of the evils of greed.

THE COMMERCIAL CONGRESS.

THE. RESOLUTIONS against trusts adopted by the commercial congress in St. Paul are about as succinct and direct as anything could be. They were adopted on a close vote by men who represent great interests, men who are affected by the trusts and pression of that evil.

question whether such resolutions could be termed partisan in their nature, since the rules of the congress forbid action on partisan questions. Very properly it was held that the trusts in their relation to the public welfare are outside the realm of partisan politics, though the defenders of ly beautiful. He both resisted and rethe trusts are almost invariably Re-

So far as the evils of trusts are man is Republican Democrat or Popu-man has a right to kiss a man at all list. Like death and taxes, the monop-times," said the court. "This is a privolies affect all citizens. Their dividends come from the consumer and their destruction of competition is limited to no party, creed or individual. Every section of the country feels their heavy hand and every line of business is sooner or later laid under tribute

Practically all of the necessities and most of the luxuries of life are controlled by trusts, and the few industries now exempt cannot hope to escape long unless they are limited by legal restrictions.

It was not only proper for the cor gress to emphasize the danger of the situation, but it would have been cowardly for the delegates to have

evaded it. THE ROOSEVELT LABOR DRAMA.

F SENATOR HANNA thought he was to have a monopoly of demonstrations by workingmen, he will probably revise his opinion before Roosevelt gets through with his present tour of the New England states.

The first day of the president's trip developed a systematic plan to show his popularity with the wage-earners Whereas Hanna had a cane presentation, Roosevelt had a flower design given him and his response was even more enthusiastic than the Ohio senator's on a similar occasion.

Both professed the profoundest sympathy with the toilers, both took the tributes gracefully. But it is to be their musty old buildings now, but noted that neither had much to say about the trusts or their relations to bring them right over, no matter what labor and the Republican party. In- London thinks about it. deed, on this point the president was even more eloquently silent than the

New England's municipal officials. Even Hanna with his liking for the dramatic would hesitate to offend his friends, the trusts, on the eve of a camcaptains of industry, who are the chief source of Republican campaign will divert their attention. supplies, uneasy as to what he will do

next. Altogether, the situation among the Republicans is exceedingly interesting. To an outsider it looks as though Roosevelt had determined to break with the traditions of Republican managers and appeal straight to the masses who have heretofore had scant con-sideration from his party. If he does this, the chances are he will alienate the men who have elected his party presidents without gaining the support of the masses to which he caters.

SANITARY PRECAUTIONS.

THE REPORT of the board of health for the week ended yesterday shows that there are twenty cases of typhoid fever in Salt Lake. That isn't many for a city as large as this, but it is too many, in view of the fact that what is known as the typhoid season is only beginning. Typhoid is in the list of preventable diseases, yet year after year thousands of dollars lead business of the company has been year after year thousands of dollars barely profitable." This announcement and thousands of lives are sacrificed to it in the United States.

In most cases typhoid can be traced by this same smelter trust ever since quently than otherwise it is due to contaminated water. It often comes from impure milk and from eating inreal trouble with the trust is not the fected food. Bad water, however, is the chief cause of typhoid, and it is strange, because the fact is so well known, that householders do not take

The best way-that is, the easiest way-to render water for drinking and The trust has not been willing to allow culinary purposes absolutely harmless, is to boil it. If boiled water is drunk at all over the cost of mining and the there can be no danger of contagion from it. It has been said that the boil-As a result, production has been cur- ing of water kills the harmless as well tailed and the smelting plants con- as the harmful germs it contains; that trolled by the combine could not be the fluid is rendered flat and unpalateoperated at their full capacity. A few able. This is true to a large extent, days ago the company was forced to but it is better to drink flat water for shut down its big plant at Pueblo be- a few weeks than to risk typhoid fever,

Salt Lake's water supply is immeas about Park City, have been diverted urably purer than the supplies of most to the new \$1,000,000 plant in the Salt cities, but it is not absolutely pure. It Lake valley. Even with that change only three of the eight furnaces here it will be more impure later on when the fail rains begin. These rains will
Utah mining men declare they have wash into the streams decaying matsummer. It will be taken into the pipes Refining company. They say they and through them distributed about

Then more cases of typhoid may be looked for unless due precautions are water every morning in sufficient quancome when the mine owners will bear tity to last through the day. By all means let this work be done. Boil If the American Smelting & Refining the drinking water and boil it thor-

ON COMPULSORY OSCULATION.

JUDGE GEORGE B. SIDENER of St. Louis, the author of many freak decisions, has come forward with one more which will be received with but one opinion. In effect the judge holds that no man has a right to resist a pretty woman's efforts to kiss him or to resent the kiss after it has been implanted.

One Harry Alberts was the defendant. Harry claims to be an exceedingly unimpressionable young man. No girl has ever "looked good" to him and he hasn't manifested any hesitancy. are, therefore, concerned in the supthe neighborhood found out about Har-Most of the debate hinged on the ry's aversion and one of them con-uestion whether such resolutions cluded to make an assault upon him. Accordingly she waited in a dark place out and placed an affectionate kiss

upon his cheek. Harry didn't like being kissed, although the young woman was peculiarsented, incidentally using his fists and giving the girl a black eye. He was promptly and properly arrested and concerned, it matters not whether a Judge Sidener fined him \$20. "A wo-

brated conundrum which runs:

"Why is a kiss like creation?" "Because it is made of nothing and God knows it's good."

London is dismayed over the report that the St. Louis exposition authorities are contemplating the purchase of the Washington ancestral home near Banbury for the purpose of moving it to this country. The Londoners say they don't care for the Washington home, but they fear that if it leaves their country other purchases of like character might be made. They needn't be alarmed. We don't want any of when we do we'll pull them up and

John W. Gates says the actions of the stockholders who prevented him

Mayor Sullivan, the labor socialist who of Russia comes the report that a comnittee has been appointed to assassi- News and Views of nate the suitan.

A certain party of Frenchmen is said to be yearning for vengeance against paign by such open interest in things France for the defeat of 1870. It is socialistic. Roosevelt, on the other entirely probable, though, that before hand, delights in just such unexpected their desires are accomplished somedisplays and seems determined to keep thing more important, such as a new style silk hat or a faster automo

The victors from Victor made a mighty fine showing at Saltair. All who saw them perform are sure that the first prize at San Francisco was worthily awarded.

Young Mr. Brice, son of the late Senator Calvin S. Brice, says he likes Idaho first rate. If he behaves himself nicely Idaho will doubtless return the compliment.

It certainly was a "horse on" Hynds. Local friends of the Cheyenne man will hope his injuries will not

result seriously. It won't be long before every policeman will need a guard to protect him

COLORED GLOBES ARE PASSING. Bulbs Used in Druggists' Windows Are Going Out of Fashion.

from highwaymen,

(Philadelphia Record.)

Those huge glass bulbs of red and yelow and blue water, which are called thow bottles, are gradually ceasing to be feature of the decorations of druggists windows. In the past they were as necesary to every drug store as a red and white pole is to a barber shop, but they have not, as the pole has, a well defined distory.

How Sam Jones Was Floored.

(Washington Post.)

Traveling on the steamer Northumberland, on the Rappahannock river, last week," said the Rev. E. B. Bagby of the Ninth Street Christian church, "I fell in with a group of ministers on the upper deck, and soon we were swapping stories. The eccentricities of the famous evangelist, Sam Jones, proved a prolific topic. The Rev. Mr. Butts, a Methodist minister from Gloucester county, said that the only time he had ever known Sam to be disconcerted was at H—, Va., where he had been called to conduct a union revival. The first night of the meeting the pastors of the different churchs were on the platform and crowds filled the pews. All were look-ing for something sensational, and were not disappointed. Evangelist Jones arose, turned to the Methodist preacher and said:

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until he came along. Then she sprang the Methodist minister, rising and

"Bully b'y, Harry!" cried Peter the Great. Thot's what me frind Hinnessy would call rale poultree, so it is. An' I am constrained to add me hairpsthring mite, befoore we sit doon to our politeen an' pertaties, thus:

'Yis, young Lochinvar, in the days av Sir Wid a four-flusher bluff could he take anny pot; But talk about bluffin', poor Loch's laur-els fade Compared wid this trinity-Dunne, Smith and Ade."

"Say, Dunne, you could win against Homer in any Pegasus Steeplechase. You're it. But to show that I'm not a lone Ham-Sandwich at a Roshashona feast. I'll rease the Ante one bean:

'Yes. Loch was direction in December:
But then he had never seen "Sick Chic," remember: And while things that hall from the west are a myth.

They look like spide green 'side of Ade,
Dunne and Smith.'

Passing of the Smock.

Judged by the political undercurrent, it is plain that both these politicians recognize the danger to their party through the trust issue, and both are determined to nullify that danger, if possible, by a showing of interest in the laboring vote which is most hostile to the monopolies fostered by Republican legislation.

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(Country Life.)

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The Book World

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PRESENT day writers, who have been aeverely criticised because of some of their books, will probably take considerable comfort in reflections over the severe handling in former times of authors whose names now occupy high places on the roll of literary honor. Mr. W. E. Garrett Fisher. an industrious Englishman, has recently collected considerable information along this line. Both Coleridge and Ruskin, he says, abused Gibbon, now recognized as the greatest English historian. Coleridge called Gibbon's history of Rome "an effectual bar to all real familiarity with the temper and habits of imperial Rome." Scott, as is well known, was the subject of much attack by his contemporaries. Southey declared that the "Ancient Mariner" was "the clumslest attempt at German simplicity" he ever saw. Byron did not hesitate to pronounce judgment on Shakespeare and Milton by saying that they had their rise and would most certainly have their decline. Byron also declared Spencer dull and Chaucer contemptible. Wordsworth. Dryden and Burns fell under his displeasure.

More recently have men in high places dared to speak disparagingly of, and, in some cases, to attack the writers who are now looked upon as classics. William Dean Howells, Anthony Hope, Cutcliffe Hyne and others have confessed that they never cared to read Dickens. Examples might be multiplied in other cases. The present generation has improved, in that well known authors are not accustomed to attack their fellows. There is also some comfort for the critics of today. Ruskin, undoubtedly one of the greatest, said that any bank clerk in London could have written a better history of Greece than did Grote. From his list of the 100 best books Ruskin excluded Voltaire because "Of the sting and stench" of him, and Darawin because all the "literary imbedilities of Europe followed in his train," The critic of today is not likely to go further wrong in his judgments than did Ruskin in these cases.

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All that druggists know of them is that they have always been used as window ornaments. The brilliant liquids that they have always been used as window ornaments. The brilliant liquids that they contain are made cheaply and plain by of chemicals and water.

Thus, a solution of copper and ammonia makes blue; bich foromate of potash makes orange; aniline dyes have of late been used in the chemicals' place, but the liquids fade in a strong sunight, and have frequently to be renewed. The liquids colored chemically, on the other hand, last well-nigh forever.

In the drug store at the southwest corner of Broad and Spruce streets there is a show bottle of a very clear and delicate shade of green. This is a green so fine that many druggists have asked for the recipe that makes it. This, unfortunately, is unknown.

A clerk in the shop twenty-five years ago colored the water and filled the bottle and a little later left for unknown parts. Preserved only by a cork of cotton from the air, the liquid has ever since remained as brilliant as it was in 187.

There are, indeed, many show bottles in this city whose contents are from twenty-five to fifty years old.

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"Traveling on the steamer Northumberland, on the Rappahannock river, berland, on the Rappahannock river, bear week." said the Rev. E. B. Bagby London Coman Hoyle related the man-

Judge Sidener fined him \$20. "A woman has a right to kiss a man at all times," said the court. "This is a privilege that we owe the opposite sex."

Privilege, say you? It seems to us that the privilege is all the other way. Solomon had more practice at wooing than any other man in history, yet we find him pleading with the queen of Sheba. "Kiss me with the kisses of thy mouth," he begs. Poets have gone into rhapsodies over kisses and kissing; men have fought, bled and died for them and it will take more than the testimony of a chump like Alberts to convince us that they aren't worth fighting and bleeding and dying, yes, and begging for.

The court didn't go far enough in the Alberts case. It should have ordered a lunacy inquiry immediately, for surely no man in his right mind would have acted as he did. Apparently Alberts had never heard the justily celebrated conundrum which runs:

Three American humorists of some remove and considerable success sat down that the same table is success as a down to report the same table in New York last week. According to report, says the Chicago into report, says the Chicago into report the same table in New York last week. According to report, says the Chicago into report the same table tasses of wit, and the evening with the suggestion of pugnacious activity on the part of any one of the three of the dinner, but suspicious must settled in the twing point to the brand of wine of the more of the hook out ahead of the following of the more of the fellowing of the more of the fellowing of the more of the following of the more of the three of the following of the point to the excell the three of the following of the more of the fellowing of the more of the fellowing of the more of the fellowing of the following of the more of the fellowing of the following of the

When the literary map of the United States is finally made up, Holman Day will doubtless be given a large share of Maine as his particular field. Mr. Day has brought out another book of verse, which brings the reader near to the genuine New Englander. His former volume will perhaps stand first, but "Pine Tree Ballads" will surely be appreciated by the same readers.

Verse like the following is like to endear the author at least to those who have come out of the Pine Tree state:

"Here's ho for the masterful men o' Maine, Grit and gumption, brawn and brain! South they go and west they flow, The men that do and the men that know. And Fame and Honor, Power and Gain, Come to the call of the men o' Maine. But away up back on the rock piled farms

Are the gnarled old dads with corded arms.

Are the gnarled old dates when containing arms.

The dads that give these boys o' Maine Health and strength and grit and brain. Now, the masterful men who have gone their ways.

Need none of my humble words of praise. So here's best I have for the dads, the ones. who have slaved and saved to raise these

Here's hail and again for the Maine-bred Then a triple hail for the dear old dads.

In the pretace Mr. Day has outlined his purpose, to present these plain tales, in verse, of the men whose hands are blistered by plow handle and ax or whose calloused palms are gouged by the trawls. "Their heads are as hard as the stones piled round their acres. Their wit is as keen as the bush scythes with which they trim their rough pastures. But their hearts are as soft as the feather beds in their spare rooms."

It seems unbelievable that a child of 16 years could have written five novels, seven plays and one volume of poems, but such is the account of Carmen d'Assilva, a prodigy who is just now receiving much attention in Paris. According to the accounts received here, the girl is approved by Sardou as a play wright, by Lola as a novelist and by Rostand as a poet.

ABOUT HEBREW MATCHMAKERS

The Professional Go-betweens Cause Happy Marriages.

(New York News.)

The happiness which & characteristic of Jewish marriage life is due to the fact that the great majority of the weddings among our neonle are brought about here.

"The Confessions of a Wife," now running as an anonymous serial in one of the magazines, will be published in book form some time in September. A great many guesses as to the author's identity have been made. A number declare it to be the work of Elizabeth Stuart Phelys Ward.

George Francis (Citizen) Train has fin-illy completed his memoirs, upon which e has been work for several years, and ie book will be issued early in the fall, titzen Train was, and still is, one of e most picturesque of characters, and s experiences cover a wide range. Those ho have read his manuscript say that s recollections are very vivid and that s story should attract considerable at-ntion.

The Country Manager.

(Chicago Inter Ocean.) E. D. Price, a theatrical manager, who sees the humorous side of most of his experiences, has broken into recollections again, and many of them have been pub-

again, and many of them have been published.

Among the other things he tells of an opera house manager in Schenectady, N. Y., who was a hustler from early morning until long past a respectable bed time. Arriving at the playhouse one fine morning (it was my first visit to the town), I found a man on the stage engaged in sawing wood, says Mr. Price.

"Can you tell me where I may find the stage carpenter?" I asked.
"That's me," answered the man,
"And the property man?"
"Me, too."

At night I found the same man in the box office, and when we "made up" he introduced himself as the manager. In looking over his accounts I found that many tickets had been sold at a certain jewelry store. "My store," he said. "I couldn't allow anybody else to draw the commission, you know."

As bustness had been quite good, I invited the members of my company after the show to the only restaurant in town that was open at a late hour. Again the stage carpenter-property man-ticket sell-er-jeweler-manager bobbed up and informed us that he owned the eating house.

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formed us that he owned the eating house.

In the course of a conversation that followed I remarked that they had a pretty good orchestra in Schenectady.

"I am very glad you think so," said the stage carpenter-property man-ticket-seller-jeweler-cashier - manager - restaurant keeper, "for I am the conductor."

Country managers are queer beings, as a general thing. Hundreds of times I have walked into an opera house in a small town a few hours before the performance and found it entirely deserted. Sometimes I discovered the manager in a saloon, or livery stable; frequently I did not see him until it was time to open the doors and turn on the gas.

The late Lawrence Barrett told me once with fine indignation that the manager of a small opera house in the west informed him one day at noon that "he ought to hurry up and start the street parade." When I visited Arkansas with McCullough, I was assured by a local manager, "we were all right, the people had not forgotten McCullough's 'Rip Van Winkle'-not by a long shot."

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Frace hundred, was the answer.

About a dozen.

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In trying to get his rights many a man goes at it the wrong way.

Milk of human kludness is usually of a poor quality and little in the can.

Wise is the man who can give a woman advice without incurring her enmity.

Taik is cheap; yet some people will give up a dollar to hear a tiresome lecture. If poverty is ever abolished every bachelor will either have to marry or act as his own servant.

It isn't until after a boy has celebrated his eighth birthday anniversary that he begins to notice his father's ignorance.

Job evidently had no desire for fickle fame. He was in a position to win out as a manufacturer of profane history—but he didn't.

(Chicago Tribune.)

"You ought to have been down at the house the other evening when we played that loke on Uncle Gottlieb. I invited him to come and eat a Welsh rabbit, you snow."
"Yes."
"Weil, we made it out of limburger

"You must have had a lot of fun out

The Difference in the Morning.

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(Boston Journal.)

Only the born countryman rises with the sun to enjoy the freshest and livelest part of the day, which is between sunrise and 8 a. m. The casual or vacation countryman rises with the break-fast bell, which is generally rung at the accommodating hour of 7:30. The farmer rightly thinks that the urban visitor is fit only to take money from.

Grammar. (Philadelphia Record.)

" said Jenkins, "my mother is

ifte ill."
"Ah" exclaimed the polite Frenchman,
I feel mooch ze sympathee, and what
s ze mattress?"
"The mattress? Oh, you mean what is "Ah! but ess eet not of ze female gen-alre zat we speak?"

Smoking Yet.

(Philadelphia Record.)

He smoked the deadly cigarette.
This youth of tender years,
For aught we know, he's smoking yet,
Beyond the vale of tears,

The happiness which & characteristic of Jewish marriage life is due to the fact that the great majority of the weddings among our people are brought about by matchmaking, either conducted by relatives or by the professional schatchen. The love match is the stem from which grows the unhappy marriage. The reason for this should be plain to the thoughtful person.

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The young man and the young woman in love are totally blinded to one another's defects, and, consequently, each expects of the other perfection in the married life. Marriage is an eye-opener, and necessarily a disappointment to them, since perfection resides in no one. Quarrels and the divorce court follow.

When relatives make the match, as is the custom with many of our people and with the peasantry of France and Ireland, this danger is overcome in great measure; although the blood relationship of the matchmaker is ant to require too much for the relative even under that plan. Yet, in comparison with love matches, these unions are very happy, indeed, as observation and reading inform us.

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The ideal marriage—the one most nearly sure of result in full, satisfying and
complete happiness—is the one in which
a schatchem—the meaning of the word is
"faithful messenger"—or some one exercising that function, discovers the exact suitability of the man and woman for
each other and brings them together.

The schatchen is the Jewish professional matchmaker. There ought to be
such a calling among people of all races
and creeds, for its exercise is conducive
in the highest degree to the success of
the marital union and to all the comfort
and prosperity that follow from it.

The youth and maid brought together by
the professional matchmaker of skill are
insured against marital disappointment.
The schatchen has studied and judged
fairly their tempers, temperament, character and habits, and because the success
of his calling depends on his skill as
measured by the success of the union, he
is very careful not to make a mistake,
and good morals; there must be good health
and good morals; there must be industry
and thrift; there must be means of livelihood, and there ought to be a sum laid
by against illness or misfortune.

Given these conditions, the husband and
wife are joined together without any illusions as to each other; there is no chance
of disappointment, heartburning and mutual hatred in the days to come.

In fact, there is every reason to believe
from the records of experience that the
longer their association in wedlock themore will their mutual liking grow, and
that it will eventually bloom into a lastling love, as ardent as that of unwedded
sweethearts, which so often melts away
in marriage.

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Day by day is experience making plannier to those who think seriously and deeply on the subject that the first essential of a happy marriage is to have the match made by an outsider. It should be the hope of every lover of mankind to see the custom grow.

Pat's Trouble.

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A Florida Disenchantment.

(Electrical Age.)

Down in Florida a few years ago, at one of the famous summer resorts, was a small street railroad—a little affair that did not amount to much, but was supposed by its proprietors to be sufficient for all ordinary purposes. One day, in the course of a discussion, the owners were accused of being old fogies and behind the times. "Why don't you get together and be up to date?" they were asked. "You really ought to have a modern equipment for a place of this character, instead of an old road of mule-drawn cars that date back to the (New York Times.)

Blackbirds and Kitten.

After considerable deep meditation and with many misgivings, the road was ordered changed to an electric line, and an eighty horse-power equipment was ordered. The outfit arrived and was installed, but for some reason is Dr. was eighed to perate properly. An outside expert was then called in to examine the plant and locate the trouble. At a special directors' meeting he reported that the rated efficiency of the plant was eighty horse-power, and that eighty horse-power were being used for the actual operation of the road. At it is one of the directors jumped up and exclaimed excitedly: "Eighty horse-power were being used for the actual operation of the road. At will one of the directors jumped up and exclaimed excitedly: "Eighty horse-power were being used for the actual operation of the road. At will one of the directors jumped up and exclaimed excitedly: "Eighty horse-power had better go back to the mules."

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(Longman's Magazine.)

The blackbirds have no confidence in the kitten; they repard neither her youth nor the season of the vear. "A cat," they say. "Is a cat. whether young or old, whether we have out of her clutches or whether we have out of her clutches or whether we have only our skins to protect!" Therefore they curse her at sight. Up hill and down date they curse her at sight. Up hill and down maledictions wherever she goes. You may know at any moment exactly where she is, because blackbird per and this spoils her stalking game, for naturally her surprises do not come off while two soliteful, sharptongued persons are forever sitting or filting over her head scolding, chiding, cursing, pillorying the poor thing until she must be sick to the death of their works are they curse her at sight. Up hill and down and they curse her at sight. Up hill and down and they curse her at sight. Up hill and down and they curse her at sight. Up hill and down and they curse her at sight. Up hill and down and they curse her at sight. Up hill and down and they curse her at sight. Up hill and down

Reflections of a Bachelor. Reflections of a Bachelor.

(New York Press.)

Old maids are the toast and tea of life, widows the coffee and cheese.

A widow always acts like a man ought to know that she has stood a good test.

Children are instinctively delicate about not wondering as to their fathers' brains. No matter how much a man loves a woman, she can never be the same to him after he has heard her snore.

A girl with pretty feet can lose a slipper as easily as one with a scrawny neck can believe in modest dressing.

The Best or Nothing. (Philadelphia Press.)

"Of course." said the printer, "you'l want this booklet about your new place embellished with half-tone pictures.
"Not much." replied Nuritch with
heat. "I'm rich enough to have
tones: no half-ways with me."

His Situation. (Chicago Tribune.)

"So you ran across Dingbat in York, did you? Has he a good po

Not Necessary. (Chicago Tribune.)

oday. Clerk-See here, now, that won't do, sir. I've got to live, you know.

Mr. Skinner-Nonsense. What put that idea into your head?

There Are Others. (Chicago News.)

ess.
Biggs—Why, how's that?
Diggs—Other people's business
pecialty.

Would Prefer It Otherwise. (Judge.) Lady-Ain't you ashamed to be begging

Day—Ain't you ashamed to be beg on the street?

Beggar—Well, yes. I'd sooner do i de pulpit or at de church fair, but fai agin me,

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